

January 30, 2022

[HE SAID TO THEM], "TODAY THIS SCRIPTURE PASSAGE IS FULFILLED IN YOUR HEARING." - LK 4:21

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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CHURCH OF THE
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Mass Times: Saturday Anticipatory: 4 pm Sunday: 8:30 am & 11:00 am Daily, T-F 8:30am

Church of the Blessed Sacrament

Proclaiming God's Wonderful Deeds

Sometimes it is a struggle to see how each of the Mass readings correspond. Other times the threads between them interweave like a masterfully woven tapestry. Today's readings, at least to me, represent the latter. Strands of being created for a plan and a purpose, prophecies shared and rejected, good people treated as evil, and connected to all of it, a God that loves without reserve — upholding, strengthening His beloved.

Through our baptism, we share the beauty of being intimately known and loved by God. Like Jesus and Jeremiah, we are not only known but also called to be harbingers of the Good News — regardless of the difficulties faced in doing so. Formed in love, the grace

of God animates us. His divine indwelling continually elevates our faith. We find the courage to witness to others through grace and never by our strength. When we accept the unfathomable gift of God's perfect love, not only does it cast out every fear, but it remains impossible to keep it to ourselves. If we fail to desire or find opportunities to share the Good News of Christ with others, we have entirely missed the point of what it means to be loved by Love itself.

The Church recently celebrated the *Sunday of the Word of God*, instituted by Pope Francis on September 30, 2019, established to emphasize the importance and value of Sacred Scripture for the Christian life. The connection between the Word of God and the Liturgy exemplifies the importance of incorporating time daily with the Scriptures. Through the Word of God, we encounter Christ. These encounters prepare us to be disciples.

The faithful can deepen their faith and spend time in the Scriptures with *Lectio Divina* (which translates to divine reading). Read, reflect, pray, and meditate on the following passages found throughout today's readings. What threads knit together a more vibrant picture of how your baptismal call to share the faith appears?

*"The word of the LORD came to me, saying:
Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born I dedicated you,
a prophet to the nations I appointed you."* (Jeremiah 1:4-5).

We are formed, dedicated, and appointed, all prepared to be prophets. Jeremiah worried about what he would say, the Lord assured all the necessary words would be supplied.



*"On you I depend from birth;
from my mother's womb you are my strength.
My mouth shall declare your justice,
day by day your salvation.
O God, you have taught me from my youth,
and till the present I proclaim your wondrous
deeds."* (Ps 71:6, 15-17)

Dependent, strengthened, and taught by God in preparation to proclaim His marvelous deeds. The Psalmist utters words we can all pray back to God.

*"And if I have the gift of prophecy,
and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge;
if I have all faith so as to move mountains,
but do not have love, I am nothing."* (1 Cor 13:2)

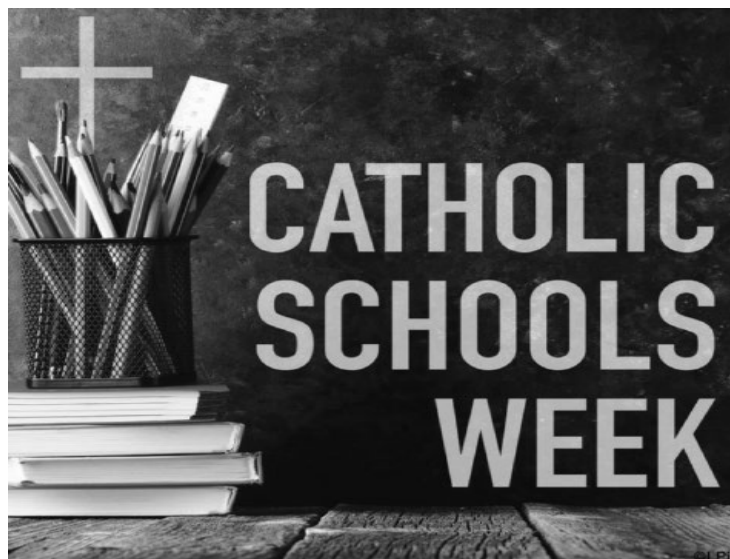
God bestows many gifts, all different, all tied to grace and faith, worth nothing if not bound to love. St. Paul warns us of being clanging gongs if we forget to ground all our actions in love.

*"Do here in your native place
the things that we heard were done in Capernaum."
And he said, "Amen, I say to you,
no prophet is accepted in his own native
place."* (Luke 4:23-24)

Jesus, Son of God, the fulfillment of the prophecy, taught with authority and amazement, yet they rejected his message. In love, he continued, even though he knew a prophet is rarely accepted in his land. Jesus demonstrates the truth of evangelization, the 'why' for soldiering on despite obstacles and rejection — people will hear, believe, repent, and be redeemed.

Where are you called to share the message? How will you overcome any rejection you may encounter in your family, neighborhood, or community? What can you glean from Jesus' teaching to proclaim the wondrous deeds of our God? How can you be strengthened by God's love so that you might reflect that love to others?

Allison Gingras



FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Food Shelf Collection

Thank you to those who have been faithfully bringing in donations for our ongoing food shelf collection bin in the Gathering Space outside of church. Many people are in need of these food donations and we are blessed to do our part by helping collect food on their behalf. We also wish to give a special **thank you** to Steve Kestner and Gregg Osaben who volunteer their time each week to bring all collected food to a local food shelf. Expect blessings.

Who is that masked bandit next to you?

At this point, the direction the parish has received from the Archdioceses is a strong recommendation that we all wear face masks whenever we are inside of the facilities. Please do your part by complying with this simple directive. We have a limited supply of masks on the Hospitality desk, if you need one. Be safe and God bless.



Safety, Safety, Safety

Please always be aware of your surroundings when up at church. Too many crazy things are happening in the parking lots all around the city. Be mindful of any valuables you may have in your vehicles that others can see, and always try to walk with at least one other person when outside in the parking lot. We still have a lot of winter weather ahead of us and we're doing what we can to keep the sidewalks safe and clear of snow and ice. Our goal is to keep everyone safe. God bless.

Contribution Update

It's not too late to consider starting to make regular contributions to the parish either by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), PayPal or using our envelope system. We currently have approximately 65% of our registered parishioners who contribute on a regular basis using one of these three options. Once our calendar year-end financials are complete, we will provide a summary of our regular collections. Expect blessings.

SOCIAL CONCERNS FOR JANUARY

2022-2023 Catholic Education Scholarship program status!

January has been designated the month for our Catholic Education Fund program. In this program, we grant scholarships to children of parishioners who elect to send their children to a Catholic grade school or Catholic high school. Our monthly second collection will take place the last weekend in January. We are accepting donations throughout the month for this worthy cause. Simply indicate "Education Fund" on the memo line of your check or you may pick up an envelope at the hospitality desk in the gathering space.

Please contact John Florin @ jflorin@blessedsacramentsp.org and an application will be sent to you. **Application deadline is 2/15/2022.**



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S **BAPTISM** - Participation in the Baptism preparation program is a prerequisite for Baptism. Schedule with the Parish Office.
A **RECONCILIATION**— Saturday 3:00-3:45pm; after 8:30 am Mass on Friday or by appointment on other days
R **MATRIMONY**- Make arrangements with the pastor at least six months before the date.
A **ANOINTING OF THE SICK** - Please call the parish office if you or a family member is going to be hospitalized. Also, if you are home-bound and wish to receive the Eucharist or a friendly visit, please call the parish office.
M **LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS ARE AVAILABLE**- Please come to the Sacristy before Mass to arrange to receive one.

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R • Blessed Sacrament Adoration, M-Sa, Please see signage for hours.
A • The Rosary is said just prior to all weekend Masses.
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Sunday, January 30
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Lk 4:21-30
 8:30am Parish Mass
 11am Charlie & Lydia Thompson

Monday, January 31
Saint John Bosco, Priest and Religious Founder
2 Sm 15:13-14, 30;16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday, February 1
Weekday
2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Mk 5:21-43
 † Martin Denk

Wednesday, February 2
Presentation of the Lord
Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
 † Ronnie Casquejo

Thursday, February 3
Weekday/Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop
1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13
 † Rev. Dennis Dempsey

Friday, February 4
Weekday
Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29
 † Kenny, George and John Troendle

Saturday, February 5
Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34 (Morning Readings)
 8:30am For Healing and Comfort
 4 pm † Bernhard Drutschmann

Sunday, February 6
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/ 1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 5:1-11
 8:30am Parish Mass
 11am † Dan Dunn

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SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

January 30—February 6

Sun, Jan 30:	9:30-10:45 Coffee & Donuts 9:45-10:45 Faith Formation Classes
Mon, Jan 31:	6:00pm Grief Support Group 6:30pm Movement & Christian Meditation
Tues, Feb 1:	9:30 CGS
Wed, Feb 2:	Young at Heart after Mass
Thurs, Feb 3:	Blessing of Throats after Mass
Sat, Feb 5:	8:30am Healing /Anointing Mass
Sun, Feb 6:	9:30-10:45 Coffee & Donuts 9:45-10:45 Faith Formation Classes

FINANCE

Gifts of Treasure

January 22/23, 2022

Sunday Envelopes & Plate	\$ 5,073.00
Holy days:	\$ 25.00
Additional Operations:	\$ 100.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,198.00

Divine Mercy Cenacle

"God, who is Light itself, lives in a pure and humble heart, and all sufferings and adversities serve but to reveal the soul's holiness."

St. Faustina.

Prayer cards are on the table to take.

Look for a new message from St. Faustina's Diary weekly.



RED CROSS



BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, February 25

1:00-7:00pm

**Signup on the Registration Form
located in the Robertson Room, or
call the parish office.**

**Donors desperately needed.
Space is limited.**

55
FIFTY FIVE CLUB

55 Club Luncheon

We will be hosting our monthly 55 Club Luncheon on Tuesday, February 15 at 12 Noon. They will be serving fried chicken! There will also be a presentation from Father Benny. Please call the parish office by Fri., Feb 11 if you would like to attend.

FAITH FORMATION: PEEK AT THE WEEK

The True Vine

During the Last Supper, Jesus tells the parable of the True Vine (John 15: 1-17). He says to the disciples then and to us now, *"I love you ... Remain in my love"* (verse 9). He wants to be so close to us; and, He knows this is our path to happiness. When we stay in close relationship with Jesus, our *"joy may be complete"* (verse 11).

Jesus speaks in parable: *"I am the Vine, you are the branches"* (verse 5). We are already close to Him all we need to do is just remain there. However, sometimes we fail. Sometimes we turn away from God and make unloving choices. Sometimes we block God's grace from flowing through us. Like a plant without life-giving sap flowing through it, we wither.



But that is far from the end of the story. Through Reconciliation and Holy Communion, Jesus removes those blocks (sins) so that God's grace can flow through us again. Students preparing for first sacraments are pondering this parable. They see firsthand above. In the coming weeks they will hear more stories from Jesus to help follow His commandments and to receive Him well.

Let us pray for one another that we may all remain close to Jesus and receive Him with joy!

Mass and Class

We praise God for the fruits of our new Faith Formation schedule of Mass and class on Sunday mornings. Kids are pondering the great mysteries of the Kingdom of God, in heaven and on earth. Families are worshipping together either before or after class at either 8:30 am or 11:00 am Mass. Visit our website for resources, full calendar, and more information. <https://blessedsacramentsp.org/faith-formation>

UPCOMING CALENDAR

Jan. 30- Mass & parent/student meeting for First Holy Communion

Feb. 6 -Mass and class

Feb. 13 - Mass & sponsor/candidate meeting for Confirmation

Feb. 20—NO CLASS

Feb. 23- Parish Night of Service



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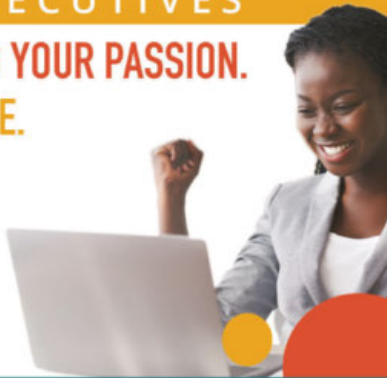
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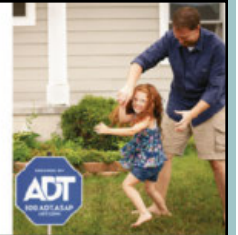


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